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REF: (A) LONDON A-1360, NOV. 16, 1973; (B) STATE A-215, JAN. 10, 1974; (C) LONDON A-303, APRIL 3, 1974; (D) LONDON 4996, APRIL 23, 1974.

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1. AS DESCRIBED IN REPAIRS, WE HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH ICO STATISTICAL COMMITTEE AND TO PARTICIPATE ON THE COMMITTEE AS OBSERVERS. IN A LETTER TO ICO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HACKMAN (REPAIR B) WE SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED OUR PLEASURE OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING INVITED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. IT IS THEREFORE MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY PROVIDE AN OFFICER TO OBSERVE THE STATISTICAL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON AUGUST 19 AND 20.

2. FYI A DEBATE OVER THE ROLE OF THE FAO STATISTICAL SUB-GROUP IN ROME AND ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE IN VIEW OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ICO STATISTICAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CARRIED ON OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE U.S., THE ONLY MAJOR COCOA IMPORTER NOT A MEMBER OF THE ICO, HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT ISOLATED IN INSISTING THAT THE FAO GROUP CONTINUE UNTIL THE ICO GROUP PROVES ITS EXPERTISE. WE HAVE AGREED TO

EXCHANGE COCOA STATISTICAL INFORMATION WITH THE ICO AND TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER IN THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. OUR PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME WILL ASSIST US IN DETERMINING OUR POSITION FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FAO SUB-GROUP IN OCTOBER WHEN OTHER PARTICIPANTS MAY PROPOSE TERMINATION OF FAO SUBGROUP. END FYI.

3. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AN EMBASSY OFFICER MIGHT BE ASKED. AS AN OBSERVER, HE WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE ABLE TO RAISE ISSUES OR TAKE INITIATIVES. HE MAY BE QUESTIONED REGARDING THE REGULAR SUPPLY OF STATISTICS TO THE ICO. WE HAVE FURNISHED COCOA STATISTICS THROUGH THE EMBASSY EARLIER THIS YEAR (JUNE), AND THE LATEST DATA ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY. A DIRECT CHANNEL BETWEEN THE COMMERCE DEPT AND THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL OF COCOA STATISTICS TO THE ICO WILL BEGIN FUNCTIONING ON A REGULAR BASIS SHORTLY, STARTING WITH THE COMPLETE U.S. DATA FOR THE JANUARY-MAY 1974 PERIOD.

4. RECENT STATISTICAL DATA WHICH MAY BE USED BY THE EMBASSY OBSERVER INCLUDE:

A. MANUFACTURERS' NET SALES OF CONFECTIONERY 1974:
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS UNADJUSTED) JANUARY 211; FEB. 220;
MARCH 241; APRIL 200; MAY 190.

B. EXPORTS OF CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS: (QUANTITIES IN
1,000 LBS.; VALUE IN 1,000 DLS.)

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MAY 1974	APRIL 1974	5 MONTHS THROUGH MAY 74			
QUAN.	VAL.	QUAN.	VAL.	QUAN.	VAL.
CONFECTIONERY, EXCEPT CHEWING GUM, NOT CONTAINING COCOA:					
1,950	1,039	1,777	832	8,660	4,031

CONFECTIONERY CONTAINING COCOA OR CHOCOLATE:					
2,149	1,350	869	639	7,455	4,855

C. IMPORTS OF CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS:

CHOCOLATE, SWEETENED, EXCEPT BARS AND BLOCKS OF 10 LBS.
OR MORE

1,335	691	1,564	701	9,432	5,074
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CANDY AND OTHER CONFECTIONERY, N.E.S., NOT CONTAINING
COCOA OR CHOCOLATE

9,718	4,035	7,964	3,272	42,972	17,211
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CANDY AND OTHER CONFECTIONERY, N.E.S., CONTAINING COCOA
OR CHOCOLATE

1,722	1,273	2,436	1,513	10,008	6,432
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D. COCOA BEAN GRIND IN THE UNITED STATES (MILLION
POUNDS): 1974 FIRST QUARTER 149.1; SECOND QUARTER 129.6
(DOWN 19.9 PER CENT FROM SECOND QUARTER 1973 GRIND).

5. THE EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE A FULL REPORT OF THE
MEETING AND POUCH ANY AVAILABLE STATISTICAL MATERIALS TO
THE DEPARTMENT, (EB/TROPICAL PRODUCTS DIVISION). KISSINGER

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